



Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association

NEWSLETTER –NOVEMBER 2012

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Next Association Meeting

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Grancare Gardens

1551 Dousman Street

Recycle/Garbage Containers – why are we changing – how do you get them – what size – cost – delivery? **Steve Grenier, GB Dept. of Public Works will be the guest speaker addressing these questions.** He will bring samples of the containers and he's hoping we will be able to purchase them that evening. We will also play "The Recycle Game", so come and find out what you need to know and...who knows? maybe win a prize☺!

The holiday season is upon us and we'll soon be busy decorating, baking, attending concerts, buying and wrapping gifts and generally having a holly, jolly time! **If you have the spirit of generosity, would you consider being a Santa by donating a gift to Grancare?** You can bring an unwrapped gift to our next Association meeting and the Zunkers will make sure it is given to an appreciative Grancare neighbor. Need suggestions? **WOMEN:** lotions, powders, perfumes, jewelry, make-up (lipstick and compact powder), yarn **MEN:** sweatpants, aftershave/cologne, shaving cream, powder **GENERIC:** Packer hats, socks, sweatshirts, puzzles, computer games, slippers. What would you give your grandparents?

There is a survey on page 5/6 that we would like everyone to answer. Please check it out.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. We recently received a request for help by another city association. An apartment building went up in smoke and left the residents in need. Without email addresses we are unable to forward these requests – and you may be the one in need some day, so please, supply us with your email address. These addresses will not be given to any other organization for any purpose. Call one of the board members with the information today.
THANK YOU



BATTER UP!

What can the love of baseball and hard work accomplish? How about a new scoreboard, two beautiful cement dug outs, bleachers, concession stand with running water and a handicapped washroom. If you've been at the hard ball diamond by the North Fisk parking lots in Perkins Park, you'll see some key improvements have been made. It's been a major undertaking by Vern Peterson along with Mark Winters and a dedicated number of baseball enthusiasts and volunteers from many different companies in Green Bay.

As a child, Wayne Peterson Jr. along with his siblings (Vern, Craig, Eric and Amy) played a lot of baseball. His parents, Wayne Sr. and Sarah Peterson on North Locust St., were coaches for the Green Bay West Little League and Girl's Softball and eventually league presidents. The love for baseball, specifically for Wayne Jr., continued at West High School and then into coaching for community leagues. The family – parents, children and grandchildren – continue to be involved in the grand sport of baseball particularly in youth baseball. After Wayne Jr. died in 2001, the Little League did several tournaments in his honor at Perkins Park. The proceeds were given to his

parents for a memorial. While the family was still considering the best way to use the memorial, a few grandchildren attended a West High ball game at the Perkins Park hard ball diamond (West's home field). It was a good game to watch, but a very wet one and the teams had no protection. The other team started taunting West over the poor condition of the field and not having a scoreboard or dug outs. The grandchildren went home and reported what they had observed. The family determined that improving the field could be the best way to honor their son/brother. So began a job that is still in process.

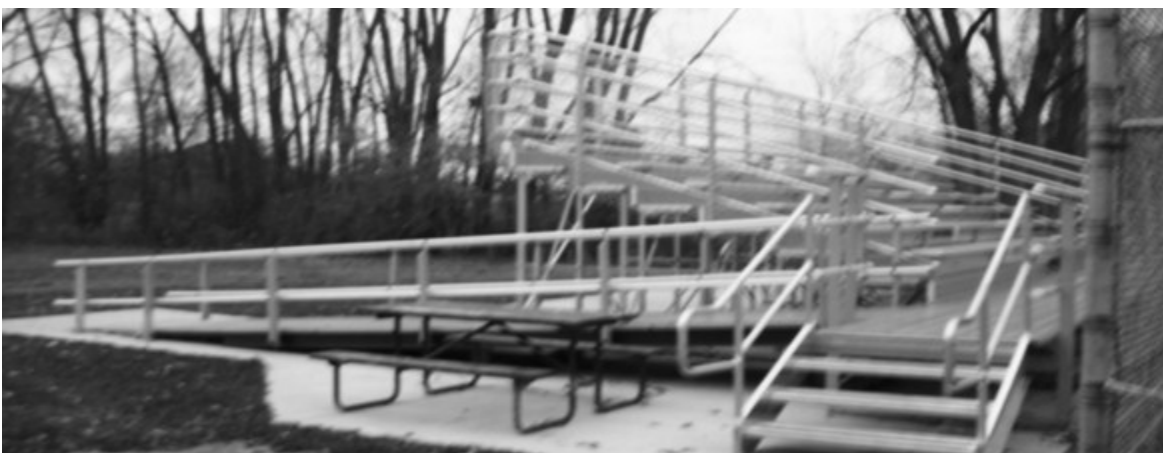


Vern got together with West High School and Green Bay Park and Rec Dept. so he could develop a plan that would serve both school and community needs. Vern also contacted Mark Winters as his father, Dick Winters had been active in South Port Baseball and benches in the park were dedicated to him.

The hard ball diamond had beautiful lighting and a decent playing space but needed some amenities. A scoreboard was purchased with proceeds from Wayne's memorial and donated to West, however, it sat in storage since the school didn't have a way to install it at the park. So the first project of installing the scoreboard was accomplished through the help of volunteers and scrap metal from

Wisconsin Public Service and dedicated to Wayne Jr's memory in 2008. Then the beautiful cement dug outs were built with benches (think, no more splinters). You brought your own chair or blanket to watch a game, so bleachers came next. When City Stadium was refurbished, some of the old bleachers were brought over and firmly set on a concrete pad through the help of Bob Fuhr and Green Bay Public Schools. The Green Bay Babe Ruth Program, Randy Marcelle and Jeff Kohlbeck got involved in the project and helped with funding and volunteers for the concession stand (which includes hot and cold running water - YEAH!) and a handicapped washroom. This has been an on-going process that still isn't completely finished, but it shows what dedication and love can accomplish when people are willing to work together. West now has use of a great ball diamond for home games and practice along with Green Bay Area Babe Ruth and other community groups.

The following companies have provided funding, materials or volunteers. Scoreboard: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Eland Electric. Dugouts: Miron Construction, KS Energy Services, County Materials, MCC Murphy Concrete. Bleachers: Ostrenga Excavating, MCC Murphy Concrete, IEI General Contractors. Concession Stand/Bathrooms: Steve Musial Plumbing Inc, Vanden Avond Masonry LLC, Ideal Electric, La Force Inc., Westside Community Baseball, Green Bay West Booster Club, Besaw & Associates Realty LTC, Green Bay Park & Rec Dept., H J Martin & Sons Inc., Overhead Solutions, Inc., Nicholson Hardware, ABC Supply Co. Inc., Van's Lumber, Rentmeester Construction Inc., Murphy Concrete, Al & Maxine Kohlbeck, County Materials Corp, Kropp Trucking, Overhead Door Company of Green Bay, Tomas & Janelle Prosser, Preble Optimist Club, St. Joe Athletic Club, Kruger Engineering, Bay Architects, LLC, Sugar Bush Poured Walls, Westside Optimist Club and Jauquet Lumber Co.



**A BIG
THANK
YOU TO
ALL WHO
HELPED
IMPROVE
THE BALL
PARK!!!!**

MEET JANA

At the September 2012 meeting, we welcomed Jana Anderson-Laes to the Perkins Park Board as a member at-large. Jana has owned My Favorite Quilt Shop at 1550 Dousman Street since 2006. As sole owner of this distinctive business, she brings a unique aspect to our neighborhood. There are no other fabric stores at this end of town.

The quilt shop has over 3,500 bolts of quality quilt fabrics, battings, patterns, books, threads and notions. There is a kaleidoscope of color throughout the store, not only from the fabrics but also the numerous quilts and projects on display.

Jana has over 30 years of quilting experience. Besides running the shop, she also teaches group quilting classes as well as individual one-on-one classes. She has a long-arm quilting machine which is available for rent at the store.

She is married and has two teenage boys. Jana looks forward to serving on the Board and helping our neighborhood community prosper.

AREA DOG PARK

Dogs are not allowed in Green Bay city parks except on designated walks/trails and they must be on a leash. If seeking a spot to let your dog get a little more exercise, try the Village of Howard dog park at the Gordon Nauman Conservation Area off of Wietor Drive. Directions to the park - travel west on Velp Avenue to North Military Avenue - turn right on North Military Avenue and then turn left on Wietor Drive. Almost at the end of the road, look for the Howard Dog Park signs. The dog park has a completely enclosed area as well as a semi-enclosed area with woods and a walking trail. The park is free to all users.

PERKINS PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Rae Ellen Smith, President.....819-6866
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Debbie Williams, Secretary.....227-3000
Mary Sturzl, Assistant Secretary.....497-1715
Jana Anderson-Laes.....965-2085

FUTURE EVENTS

Chappell Elementary School Concert (K-5)

Tuesday, December 18 @ 6:30 pm
held across the street at the First Assembly of God Church at 1460 Shawano Ave. (church)
Contact 920-492-2630

West High School Concerts

December 6 @ 7pm – Choir
December 13 @ 7pm - Orchestra
December 18 @ 7pm – Band
contact: 920-492-2600

Seventh Day Adventist Christmas Cantata

December 15 at 10:30am
1414 Shawano Ave.
Free Admission

Seventh Day Adventist School Christmas Program –

Contact Allie @ 494-2741
December 18 at 6:30pm
1422 Shawano Ave.
Free Admission

Winterfest on Broadway

January 26 @ 11am until January 28 @ 10pm
Broadway District
Free parking on city street and ramps

New Leaf Winter Farmers Market

Saturdays 8-12 on December 1, 15 & 22
January 12, February 2 & 23
KI Center – 333 Main Street

Neville Public Museum will be part of the US Bank 21 New Year Celebration on December 31 and has many other great programs.

Contact: 448-4460

Allouez Village Band: Holiday Favorites

December 10 at 7pm
Meyer Theatre – 117 S. Washington St.
Free Admission

Remember there are cross country ski trails, snowshoeing, hiking, sledding and skating in many of the different city parks, including Perkins Park. Call Park & Rec for more information @ 920-448-3365.

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THE SURVEY

In an effort to respond to the needs of the Perkins Park Association community, I'm interested in learning how all 950 homes (this includes apartments and condos and business) feel about the Association and what it does or what you think it should do. Realizing I'm not ever going to get an answer from all 950, I'll settle for a few hundred, but would like it to be sincere feedback from everyone. There aren't any right or wrong answers. Just two requests - PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL and PRINT!

If necessary, I would like to be able to contact you for clarification about your answers, so if you would include your name information at the bottom of the form, it would be appreciated.

Any one responding to the survey WITH their information by Tuesday, November 27 (by mail or bring with you to the meeting) will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card to be used at and provided by **THE PANCAKE PLACE**. You can remove the survey page, fold it in thirds with the address showing on the outside, seal it with scotch tape on the ends, USE A STAMP and mail it. It must be received by November 27 to be entered in the drawing. Drawing will be held at the close of the **Neighborhood Association meeting on Tuesday, November 27 - 6:30 pm at Grancare Gardens, 1551 Dousman Avenue.**

The survey begins on the next page.

RAILS TO TRAILS

Getting up early on a Saturday morning is often a stretch, but on November 10 our Alderman Mark Steuer, his wife and over a dozen people did just that to help clear the old railway from Military heading toward Dousman. Beginning at 8am they worked for 3 hours, collecting 30+ extra large garbage bags (50 gal) and covered about 100-150 yards down the trail. Bags were left for the City to pick up along with a variety of larger items. Equipment like litter pickers, 5 gallon pails, and garbage bags were provided by the Park and Rec Department.

Volunteers were from Maple Arches, Mather Heights, Fisk and Perkins Park Neighborhood Association. While a complete list of volunteers is not available at the time of writing this article, we would like to thank Mark and Martha Steuer, Barb Lemerond, Bob Heroux, Randy and Rose Scannel, Jim Laabs, Dakota and Kolton Greaves, Joe Watermolen, Joe and Lois Vanidestine, Kris Michell, David Smith and anyone we missed by name.

This project may continue until the trail is clean down to Oneida OR the weather doesn't cooperate, in which case it will begin again in the spring. You can contact Mark Steuer at 664-6033 or mgssteuer@sbcglobal.net to catch the next date. Join in the fun!



Thank you, Pancake Place, for your donation!

Thanks to all the "Trail Clean Up" participants and to Mark for organizing it.